Cattle-sheds

* 440 *Q.*—SRI P. G. MANICKAM : கனம் முதல் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) தேசிய விஸ்தரிப்புத் திட்டப் பகுதிகளிலே எத்தனை மாட்டுக் கொட்டகைகள் கட்ட எத்தனை ரூபாய்கள் கடனாகவும், மான்யமாகவும் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன ?

(ஆ) 1960–61-ம் நடப்பு வருடத்திலே எத்தனை மாட்டுக் கொட்டகைகள் கட்டப்படும் ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) A sum of Rs. 2,18,400 has been sanctioned for distribution as loan. Twenty-five per cent of the cost of the shed subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 in each case will be sanctioned as subsidy after actual completion of the sheds.

(*b*) 1,536 sheds.

Political meetings

* 441 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the reason for promulgating new conditions for conducting political meetings in the Madras City?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The hon. Member is obviously referring to the recent decision of the Commissioner of Police to permit only one political party to hold a meeting on any particular day in each police division and to restrict the number of loudspeakers that could be used at such meetings. The orders were issued under the first part of section 41 of the Madras City Police Act, 1888 (Madras Act III of 1888) with a view to ensure that meetings organized by political parties are held in a peaceful and orderly manner without causing breach of the peace or inconvenience to the general public, and to facilitate the maintenance of law and order.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware that in spite of these conditions, meetings are still held in residential areas and they disturb the peace of the place?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I may tell the hon. Member that no political party has attempted to hold the meeting contrary to the order that has been issued by the Commissioner of Police to which I have just now referred.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, may I know what is the experience gained so far by the said kind of regulation in holding meetings in one place in one Division? Is it not a fact that it resulted in great confusion and fiasco being created by the rival political parties in the meetings held in the Division?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to tell the hon. Member that confusion is not caused on account of the regulations but confusion has been avoided on account of these regulations. These regulations have been accepted as salutary by all the political parties concerned.